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Mr. Isenberg,

I'm care very much for the California Coastline, and I have comments you need to hear about the Marine Life Protection Act Process. I am strongly in favor of maximum protection. Package 2 is by far the best package, and the others don't even come close. I don't even understand package 1, unless you are designing a package for fishermen to NOT protect our marine ecosystems.

I spend almost every available free moment on the water. I am a racing on the San Francisco Bay and SCUBA Diver. I understand what it means to appreciate our oceans and utilize our resources without abusing them.

Point Lobos is an absolutely precious area. It is proof that Marine Reserves can work. Ask any diver who has spent time in the water there, and anywhere else in the Monterey Bay and they will tell you the marine life is 10 fold any other region. The reason is the protection that has been in place. Every fish is important to an ecosystem, because they are in a system that relies on all organisms to maintain a balance. This is why we should expand the Point Lobos SMR, and maximize the protection for our aquatic wildlife.

Sincerely,

Gil Gafni